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Re:

U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/885,294, Filed June 19, 2001

Entitled: METHODS FOR IMPROVING CELL GROWTH AND ALCOHOL PRODUCTION

DURING FERMENTATION

Applicants: Lonnie O. *Ingram, et al.*Attorney Docket No.: BCI-026

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith for filing in the above-identified application the following:

- 1. Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (2 pages);
- 2. Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (1 page);
- 3. Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney (5 pages);
- 4. Request for Five-Month Extension of Time (in duplicate, 1 page);
- 5. Check in the amount of \$980.00 for Five-Month Extension of Time Fee;
- 6. Check in the amount of \$1,144.00 (includes \$355.00 (filing fee), \$65.00(surcharge), \$724.00 (additional claim fee));
- 7. Pre-paid acknowledgment postcard.

Please charge any necessary fees to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080. The undersigned requests any extensions of time necessary to respond. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated August 15, 2001, Applicants' attorney submits herewith an *executed* Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1,144.00, that includes \$355.00 (filing fee), \$65.00 (surcharge), \$724.00 (additional claim fee), based on small entity status. A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application is also enclosed.

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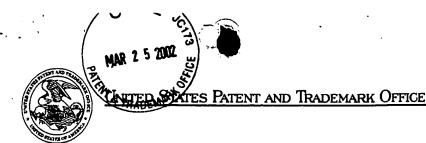
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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
 Applicant must submit \$ 355 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$724.
 - \$549 for 61 total claims over 20.
 - \$40 for 1 independent claims over 3.
 - \$135 for multiple dependent claim surcharge.
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1144.

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